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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REFINANCING \$200 MILLION LOAN

FACTOR IN DISMISSAL FINANCE MINISTER

REF: KHARTOUM 0200

1. RECENT PRIVATE COMMENTS BOTH EX-FINMIN MANSUR AND EX-FONMIN KHALID, IN PRESENCE EMBASSY LOCAL, SUGGEST THAT PROPOSED REFINANCING OF \$200 MILLION LOAN SECURED BY SAMA GUARANTEE WAS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THEIR DISMISSAL FROM THOSE POSTS. SOME DAYS AGO, PRIOR NIMEIRI'S DECISION, KHALID REMARKED THAT INFLUENCE OF "ADNAN" WAS GROWING STRONGER, AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO TRIAD BOSS ADNAN KHASHOGGI WHO PUT LOAN DEAL TOGETHER AT PROFIT OF \$1 MILLION (ONE-HALF OF 1 PERCENT FEE FOR DEAL). AS INDICATED REFTEL, NIMEIRI REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST LOAN REFINANCING PROPOSAL (FAVORED BY KHALID AND MANSUR) WHICH DAVID ROCKEFELLER CANVASED WITH PRESIDENT ON JAN 22. MANSUR REPORTEDLY APPEARED SURPRISED BY NIMEIRI'S STRONG OPPOSITION. HE WAS OVERHEARD ON JAN 27 TELLING FRIENDS ABOUT RENEGOTIATION PROPOSAL AND INDICATING THAT NIMEIRI'S OPPOSITION THERETO HAD BEEN FACTOR IN HIS, MANSUR'S SUMMARY DISMISSAL.

2. KHASHOGGI REPORTEDLY TELEPHONED TRIAD HERE JAN 26 ASKING THAT LIST BE DRAWN UP OF SUDANESE INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS WHICH HE CLAIMED SAG NOW PREPARED FINANCE.

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KHASHOGGI, HIMSELF, WAS SCHEDULED ARRIVED KHARTOUM

TODAY ON VISIT REPORTEDLY POSTPONED FROM LAST WEEK BY HIS
MINOR FLU BUG.

3. COMMENT: FOREGOING STRENGTHENS SPECULATION REFTTEL
AND PARA ONE KHARTOUM 0248 THAT NIMEIRI, WHO CONCEIVABLY
PERSONALLY PROFITTED FROM \$200 MILLION DEAL, VIEWED RENE-
GOTIATION PROPOSAL AS ANOTHER PLOY BY MANSUR AND KHALID
TO DICTATE PACE AND MANNER SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT AGAINST
HIS PREFERRED WISHES. THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT OCCURRED
COINCIDENTALLY WITH SHARP ANTI-MANSUR REACTION BY PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY OVER WADI EL-NIL CONCESSION COULD WELL
HAVE FORTIFIED NIMEIRI'S DECISION MOVE AGAINST TWO OF HIS
MOST IMPORTANT, AND INDEPENDENT, MINISTERS.
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